

# STRANGE ENDING OF AN INDIANA ROMANCE

## Old Couple Divorced After Living Together for Thirty-Seven Years.

### HAD NOT SPOKEN SINCE '84

#### Uncle "Ham" and Aunt "Julia" Grubbs Refused to Settle Their Long-Standing Differences and Courts Separate Them at the Old Lady's Request—The Parents of Six Children.

Lawrenceburg, Ind.—One of the oldest divorce cases ever tried in this country was recently decided by Judge George E. Downey in this county. The principals in this strange case were aged 65 and 60 years, respectively, the man being the senior. The couple were married 37 years ago, but though they had lived together constantly all of that time, and had raised a family of six children, they had not spoken to each other for 21 years.

Such is the peculiar ending of the romance of Uncle Ham and Aunt Julia Grubbs.

The neighbors who hoped the breach of 21 years would be healed by time are more than disappointed. Aunt Julia Grubbs has secured her divorce from her

goods came their way. "Uncle Ham," as he came to be known throughout Miller township, was a hard worker and a mighty smart farmer. Gradually he increased his holdings until he was the owner of 110 of the best acres in all the township. He had the finest house, the most head of stock, the best up-to-date implements and the handsomest wife in all the country. Everybody envied "Uncle Ham" and "Aunt Julia."

For 15 years everything ran on smoothly enough. The years brought more prosperity and more children, until in 1884 little Ella, last of the flock, was born. And she was still in her mother's arms when the trouble came.

Start of the Quarrel.

It was a trifling incident—this quar-

were driving their bargain. "I've been a-savin' those geese for their down, I'm a-goin' to make feather beds out of it."

"Now see here, Julia," expostulated her husband, "this man is paying a good stiff sum for these here geese, and we can raise more of them. Besides, I never slept under a feather bed and I never will."

"Well, Ham Grubbs," retorted his wife, hotly, "I have and I'm a-goin' to do it again. I don't care what you do!"

"Ham" Grubbs wanted the addition to his bank account; his wife wanted the feather beds. One hasty word led to another and it ended by Mrs. Grubbs flouncing back to the farmhouse and the peddler carrying off the geese, for which he paid the farmer's price.

When "Ham" Grubbs got back to the house he found his wife still indignant. There were more words, and then "Uncle Ham" said something which never should have been said.

Vow Never to Speak Again.

"I'll never speak to you again!" declared Mrs. Grubbs.

"All right," retorted her husband; "do as you like."

All the children heard the quarrel. Those old enough to understand began to cry. Husband and wife realized that their sudden determination never to speak again might result in a broken home and distress to the six little ones.

"Don't worry about them, Ham Grubbs," snapped his wife. "I'll stay here in the same house with you till every one of them is grown up, and then we can see what we'll do. But don't you speak to me."

"All right, I won't," answered "Ham" Grubbs, and from that moment to this they have never exchanged a word.

Soon the neighborhood gossips heard all about "Uncle Ham" and "Aunt Julia" agreeing never to speak again. They wondered a little, but made up their minds that time would bring about a reconciliation, and that all would be well. Instead, the breach widened.

As the children grew older they began to take sides. This only served to make matters worse. Day after day husband and wife ate at the same table with their six children, but never a word was spoken between them. The father labored unceasingly and well, making his farm better and better, and gradually adding to his wealth until to-day he owns the farm all free and clear and has \$15,000 cash in the bank. Meanwhile the mother was doing her share of the work. She made the children's clothes, saw that they went to school, kept the house as spotless as hard work and plenty of soap and water could do it, made the beds, cooked the meals and made the butter and cheese. Not a thing that the most loving of wives could do to add to her husband's worldly goods was left undone.

But never a word did they speak.

Ella's Intervention Unavailing.

One by one the children grew up, till only little Ella was left. Two went to Kansas, two to Illinois, and one to Ohio, where they married and prospered. Ella at home became the intermediary between her father and mother. Every effort of hers at getting them to forget the past was an utter failure. Whenever there were any matters of importance to be considered it was Ella who was spokeswoman for the two years. A few days ago Ella had her twenty-first birthday, and decided to leave home. So the agreement between husband and wife was ended. Mrs. Grubbs made up her mind to live there no more, but to go to the home of one of her sons in Illinois who had sided with her in the long quarrel.

Ella told this news to the old man. "Ham" Grubbs is 65 now, and his wife is 60. He protested vigorously. The fact that he never spoke to his wife, nor she to him had become second nature to him, and he couldn't see how he was going to get along without her to do the housework. He said she couldn't go; who would take her place?

This was the last straw.

Mrs. Grubbs decided to sue for divorce. Papers were served on Grubbs, in which he was charged with cruel and inhuman treatment, and alleging that he had cursed his wife in the presence of their children, and had said other things to her which no good husband would say to his wife. There was a hearing before Judge George E. Downey. He investigated and found that there was absolutely no hope of reconciliation between them, though the quarrel was 21 years old. So the decree was granted, and a judgment of \$2,000 alimony was granted, which the old man promptly paid.

Mrs. Grubbs has gone to her son's home now. "Uncle Ham" remains at the old homestead, where he vows he will end his days alone. And there is now no prospect whatever of bringing the old couple together ever again, as all Miller township knows.

Child Saves a Train.

Altoona, Pa.—Little Wallace Moore, aged eight, barefooted and ragged, the son of a farmer living near Osceola, 13 miles southeast of here, with rare presence of mind for one of his years saved a passenger train on the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania railroad from certain disaster and probably prevented injury, if not death, to 128 passengers.

The lad, while playing about the railroad tracks which run near his home, noticed that a switch leading to a spur, at the end of which was an embankment, had been opened. Hastening to a clear stretch of road, he stationed himself in the middle of the tracks and breathlessly awaited the approach of the train. He swung his arms, and grabbing his hat, waved it madly. Engineer Franks became alarmed when the boy showed no signs of leaving the track, and quickly applying the emergency brakes stopped the train within a few feet of where the boy was standing.

Kisses Save Crop.

Topeka, Kan.—In order to save her father's crop of wheat from ruin by the rains which were threatening, pretty Mabel Huston, the 18-year-old daughter of a Saline county farmer, distributed kisses and hugs as prizes among the harvest hands who did the most work in the day. When night came the wheat was out of danger from the rains which shortly followed.

# MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

## Operators to Fight Shaw's Opinion.

Following upon the decision of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw in the fight between zinc mining interests and the smelters with regard to the free importation of ore from British Columbia and Mexico, a mass meeting of citizens was called at Carthage to raise money and appoint a committee to fight the appeal which has been made from the secretary's decision to the board of appraisers in New York.

Col. John R. Holmes, of Joplin, and W. R. Calkins, of Carthage, just returned from Washington, where they appeared before the department, addressed the meeting.

It was the sense of the assembly, largely freeholders and mine owners, that \$10,000 should be raised immediately in Carthage, Joplin and Webb City. Secretary Shaw is in sympathy with the district, but the matter is now beyond his control, and will probably be carried to the United States supreme court.

## Second Husband Emulated First.

Henry Spilker, aged 40, committed suicide in the city jail at Macon by tearing his shirt into strips and hanging himself to the bars, dying of strangulation. He had been locked up because he threatened to kill himself on account of jealousy of his wife. Spilker was his wife's second husband. Her first, John Lowery, killed himself three years ago because of jealousy, using a shotgun. Mrs. Spilker denies having given either man a real cause for jealousy. She says she will never marry again, for "men are so foolish."

## Two Shot in Feed Fight.

An old feud about a division fence led to the shooting of Tal Jones and Alder Cook by Dug Owens, five miles south of Springfield. Owens met Jones and Cook in the road, when the trouble ensued. Jones received the charge from a shotgun in the left breast, near the heart and is believed to be mortally wounded. Cook was struck by a few stray shot but not seriously hurt. Owens, who is a son of former Sheriff Owens, has been arrested and is in jail.

## No Likelihood of Extra Session.

There is no likelihood of an extra session of the legislature will be called, on account of the heavy expense of convening the body, and for the further reason that since a conviction has been had in St. Louis county, the governor's opinion is that the legislature will not be necessary. It is true that no appropriation has been made for the salary of Excise Commissioner Mulvihill, but that will be paid by the next legislature.

## Explosion Wounded Militiaman.

Sergeant Paul Lenz, of Battery A of the Third regiment, national guards of Missouri, was seriously injured at Camp Folk, near St. Joseph, by the explosion of a bottle of mineral water. The metal cork hit him in the eye. He was taken to St. Joseph and treated by an oculist. Sergeant Lenz had won the Capt. Rumbold medal for being the most rapid gunner in the battery.

## Cook Sues Post-Dispatch.

Sam. B. Cook, ex-secretary of state, has filed a suit in the circuit court at Jefferson City against the Pulitzer Publishing Co. (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) for \$100,000 damages, because that paper, on June 28, printed an alleged defamatory article under the caption, "Is It a Political Junk Shop?" in connection with the Salmon bank affair.

## Brutal Fellow Gets Two Years.

John C. Fremont, a farm hand, pleaded guilty to attempting to kill the young son of his employer, at Macon, and Judge Shilton sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary. Fremont told the boy to look under the porch for a nest of eggs. The unsuspecting lad did so, and Fremont struck him a blow on the head with a hammer.

## Husband Kills Wife.

John M. Crane, a prominent mining man, shot and killed his wife in Kansas City, after driving her from her home. The couple were living apart, Mrs. Crane having sued for divorce, alleging that her husband had fraudulently secured possession of \$225,000 of her private fortune.

## Missouri Student Killed.

Russell Ingall, an engineering student in the University of Missouri, was instantly killed in Columbia by coming in contact with a live electric wire. The funeral was held at Pleasant Hill, the Ingall home. He was living in Columbia with his mother while attending school.

## Lived on One Farm Since 1856.

Capt. Masten Breder, a figure in local politics for ten years, died at his home south of Golden City, aged 78. He obtained the farm on which he lived from the government in 1856, and had lived there continuously ever since.

## Cut Throat With a Razor.

Following a quarrel with his wife, Allen Barber, aged 33, of St. Louis, slashed his throat with a razor. Hospital physicians pronounced his case hopeless.

## St. Louis Building Operations.

Statistics published by the Construction News show an increase of 82 per cent. in building operations in St. Louis over the corresponding period of 1904.

## Norborne's Mayor Kills Himself.

N. V. Evans, mayor of Norborne, committed suicide by taking morphine. He left a note stating that financial troubles were the cause of the act.

## Folk Grants Bailey Respite.

Gov. Folk respite from July 13 to September 11 Edgar G. Bailey, under sentence of death in Kansas City for killing a non-union workman.

## Recluse Found Dead.

A. J. Wolf, a recluse, was found dead by his neighbors near St. James. The coroner's jury said that paralysis of the heart caused his death.

## Dixon A. Harrison Dead.

Elton Alexander Harrison, father of Mayor J. F. Harrison, died at Carthage at the age of 82 years. He stumped Ohio for Abraham Lincoln.

## Helping the Hard-Up Students.

The faculty of Missouri university is assisting students to obtain employment while at Columbia.

# THE WHITE RIVER DIVISION.

## A New Road That Will Develop a New Country Rich in Agricultural and Mineral Resources.

St. Louis, July 14.—The White River division of the Iron Mountain route, between Newport, Ark., and Carthage, Mo., is rapidly approaching completion. The report of representatives of the passenger department, who made a trip over the line recently, indicates that through trains will be running within 60 days.

Mr. H. C. Townsend, general passenger agent, in speaking of the new road, said:

"While several thousand tourists have already made the trip from each end of the completed line, and we have hauled during the month of June over forty fishing parties from Carthage, who desired to make the five-day float from Galena to Branson, returning on train in 50 minutes, for the complete daylight run over the new line there will be a tourist travel unprecedented over any line in this part of the country. The fishing proposition is becoming so well known that a number of club houses on the James river, between Galena and Branson, are now completed and are taxed to their capacity."

"The romantic features of the new line are naturally the ones to attract the most general attention, but the agricultural and mineral possibilities of this new region are remarkable."

"The road itself is a marvel of engineering, and the 85-pound rails, with rock ballast, promise the highest degree of speed and safety."

The road will open up one of the finest agricultural countries west of the Mississippi, and a stream of immigration will soon be pouring in. The mineral resources of northeastern Arkansas are believed by many to exceed those of southeast Missouri, and are now being made in lead and zinc. The Carthage district alone exceeds \$7,000,000, so it can be understood that the road means to the mineral section of Arkansas. The new road also makes a short line between the southeast and the northwest, and for through traffic is one of the most important pieces of railway built west of the Mississippi in many years.

# GOMPERS SEES PRESIDENT

## Roosevelt Assures Head of the A. F. of L. He is Opposed to Cooley Immigration.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 14.—Immigration to the United States and its relation to the labor problem formed the subject of a conference between the president and two of the important leaders of organized labor, Samuel Gompers, of Washington, and James Duncan, of Quincy, Mass., respectively the president and one of the vice-presidents of the American Federation of Labor.

"We directed the president's attention," said Mr. Gompers after the conference, "to the interpretation placed by some persons on his recent order, issued at the instance of the American Asiatic association, concerning the admission to the United States of Chinese. By many of our people and by many Chinese that order was looked upon as a letting down of the immigration bars, so far as the Chinese are concerned. The president assured us that no proper reading of the order would warrant such an interpretation; that he opposed cooley immigration."

# POOR, MISERABLE BUNGLER

## Equitable Clerk Goes to the Reformatory For Stealing a Policy From Company.

New York, July 14.—In sentencing Emil H. Neumer, an Equitable Life Assurance Society clerk, to the Elmira reformatory for an indeterminate period, for complicity in the robbery of a policy from the Equitable company's vaults, Justice Foster of the court of general sessions commented on other Equitable losses. He said: "YOUR METHODS WERE VERY CRUDE AND BUNGLING. If you had, instead of collusion with an outsider, colluded with an insider, and thereby had your salary raised to \$50,000, and then divided with the other man, the result would have been more hurtful to policy holders, but possibly you would not have been at the bar of justice."

Neumer gave the policy to Samuel Lobley, who borrowed money on it, and who is now in Sing Sing for the offense.

# MAN WHO KILLED A NEGRO

## Held in the Jackson, Miss., Jail to Prevent His Friends Rescuing Him.

Jackson, Miss., July 14.—Robert Young, who killed the negro, Frank Collins, on a train at Crystal Springs while Collins was being taken to the penitentiary for attempting to assault Young's sister-in-law, has been lodged in the Jackson jail for safe keeping. An attempt to rescue him is feared. Young says he would do the same thing again.

## Suit for Heavy Damages.

Clarksville, Tenn., July 14.—Suit has been entered by a committee from the executive committee of the Dark Tobacco Growers' association against the American Tobacco Co., and buyers who are alleged to have boycotted the association, for \$25,000 damages.

## Not a Cure For Cancer.

Paris, July 14.—The report of the committee of experts who have been investigating Dr. Doyens' anti-cancer serum for the past five months has been handed to the Surgical Society. It is very unfavorable.

## Morton Cutting Salaries.

New York, July 14.—Paul Morton has lopped off \$100,000 from the Equitable salaries paid the executive heads of the Equitable Life. All salaries of more than \$15,000 a year are to be cut 20 per cent., and between \$9,000 and \$15,000, 15 per cent., and all between \$2,500 and \$9,000 10 per cent.

## Voted by President Palma.

Havana, July 14.—The cigar box makers have joined in the strike inaugurated by other workers for a working day of eight hours.

# Valuable Stamps.

Two stamps were once put into an office box by a lady in Georgetown. They were two-cent stamps, issued in British Guiana in 1850. The lady had come across an envelope among her papers bearing two of these stamps. The incumbent, Canon Josa, sold the envelope with the two stamps on it by auction, and it realized \$1,000. The following year the same two stamps changed hands at \$3,250. The new purchaser sold them for \$3,900 to a German nobleman, who sold them to a Russian nobleman for \$5,000.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Chicago's Needs.

The ten needs of Chicago, according to the Lake View Woman's club, are: (1) more woman's clubs, (2) real culture, (3) less noise and dirt, (4) less extravagance in dress and living, (5) more misanthropes for children, (6) more conscientious appreciation of the obligation of citizenship, (7) more hospital beds for children, (8) more homes for old people, (9) a social center for colored people, and (10) a new charter.

## German Book Exchanges.

In the city of Leipzig, the headquarters of the German book publishing trade, there are 2,916 firms selling orders, and its book publishers' exchange has 3,240 members. Leipzig has not only one of the most celebrated universities in Germany, but as a city is renowned for its music schools and concerts. Many Americans of both sexes are now studying at Leipzig.

## Dew Pond Makers.

The art of making artificial dew ponds has never quite died out in England. There are still wandering gangs of men whose trade it is to construct for farmers a pond which, in however dry a situation, will contain more water in the summer heat than in the wet winter season. The supply is independent of springs or rainfall.—The Nation.

## Fastest Growing City.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, is said to be the fastest growing city in the world. It is 30 years old, has a population of 80,000, and has 17 banks. Its wholesale trade in 1903 amounted to \$150,000,000. Its climate is like that of Berlin, Germany, the latter city being 153 miles farther north than Winnipeg.

## Virtue of Necessity.

"A young man who is starting in life," said the person who gives sound advice, "should be careful to avoid debt."

"As a rule," answered the patient listener, "the young man starting out in life hasn't any credit."—Washington Star.

## Unpopular Consul.

The Greek colony of San Francisco protests against the appointment of one J. Kapsimalis as consul there. One of their counts against him is that he cannot speak Greek correctly, but speaks it, they say, "like a tongue-tied Hottentot telling about a baseball game."

## Conflicting Emotions.

"Pa, what are conflicting emotions?" "They're the kind a fellow has when, being very tired and a mile from home on a hot day, he tries to decide whether he will spend his only nickel for car fare or get rid of his thirst and walk."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Will Retain the Lance.

The British war department has reconsidered its resolution to abolish the lance as a cavalry weapon. It is said to have been "the only thing used by the troops in South Africa that inspired the enemy with fear."

## One Style of Politics.

"What can you do with a man when he won't listen to argument?" said the indignant assistant.

"Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "as a rule I finally give in and write him a check."—Washington Star.

## Game Called.

DeLay—Yes, indeed, I'm quite a baseball player. Why, I made quite a record for making home runs!

Miss Tiredout—Oh! how much I would like to see you make one.—Baltimore Herald.

## College Athletes.

Stanford university is in trouble because, among 38 students whose registration in the university was canceled because of deficiencies in scholarship are the best football players.

## Snubbed.

Cecil—A penny for your thoughts, Miss Rose.

Miss Rose—It wouldn't be right for me to take it. I was merely thinking of you.—Illustrated Bits.

# THE MARKETS.

## NEW YORK, June 14.

COTTON—Middling	5 10 1/2	5 10 1/2
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 50	5 50
FLOUR—Min. Patents	5 50	5 50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	5 75	1 00
CORN—No. 2	35	2 1/2
OATS—Mixed	12 1/2	14 1/2
PORK—Mess	13 1/2	14 1/2
LARD—Western Steam	7 10	7 1/2

## ST. LOUIS.

COTTON—Middling	5 10 1/2	5 10 1/2
CATTLE—Native Steers	3 75	5 20
FLOUR—Min. Patents	5 50	5 50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	5 75	1 00
CORN—No. 2	35	2 1/2
OATS—Mixed	12 1/2	14 1/2
PORK—Mess	13 1/2	14 1/2
LARD—Standard Mess	7 10	7 1/2

## KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Native Steers	4 25	5 70
FLOUR—High Grade	6 00	6 15
WHEAT—No. 2 Mixed	5 50	5 50
OATS—Choice	32 1/2	33 1/2
HAY—No. 1 Timothy	15 00	15 50
PORK—Mess	13 1/2	14 1/2
BACON—Short Rib Sides	8 1/2	8 1/2
COTTON—Middling	5 10 1/2	5 10 1/2

## INDIANAPOLIS.

WHEAT—No. 2 Red	5 75	5 75
CORN—No. 2 Mixed	35	35
OATS—No. 2	12 1/2	12 1/2
HAY—No. 1 Timothy	15 00	15 00

# Cure For The Blues

## ONE MEDICINE THAT HAS NEVER FAILED

### Health Fully Restored and the Joy of Life Regained

When cheerful, brave, light-hearted woman is suddenly plunged into that perfection of misery, the BLUES, it is a sad picture. It is usually this way: She has been feeling "out of sorts"



for some time; head has ached and back also; has slept poorly, been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart-beats very fast; then that bearing-down feeling, and during her menstrual period she is exceedingly dependent. Nothing pleases her. Her doctor says: "Cheer up; you have dyspepsia; you will be all right soon."

But she doesn't get "all right," and hope vanishes; then come the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting BLUES.

Don't wait until your sufferings have driven you to despair, with your nerves all shattered and your courage gone, but take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. See what it did for Mrs. Rosa Adams, of 819 13th Street, Louisville, Ky., niece of the late General Roger Hanson, C.S.A. She writes: "Dear Mrs. Pinkham—"

"I cannot tell you with pen and ink what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I suffered with female troubles, extreme lassitude, 'the blues,' nervousness and that all-gone feeling. I was advised to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it not only cured my female derangement, but it has restored me to perfect health and strength. The buoyancy of my younger days has returned, and I do not suffer any longer with despondency, as I did before. I consider Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a boon to sick and suffering women."

If you have some derangement of the female organism write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice.

# ADAPTABILITY.

Adaptability's sails are set to catch any wind that blows.

To the man with adaptability an emergency is an opportunity.

Adaptability is the ability to adapt yourself quickly to unexpected conditions.

Adaptability is always ready; is never taken at a short; is the great lightning change artist, and often turns hopelessness into victory.

A general in battle, a statesman in office, or a financier handling large enterprises, without the ability to readily adapt himself to suddenly changed conditions—is a misfit.

When one plan fails the man with adaptability has 49 untried others waiting.

The bankrupt law is meant as an asylum for men who are without adaptability.

# CAN SUCH THINGS WAS?

There's many a slip when it is red.

A good name is worth two in the bush. The early bird may live to fight another day.

When the cat's away look not upon the wine.

A bird in the hand catches the first worm.

The mice will play 'twixt the cup and the lip.

Early to bed and early to rise maketh the heart sick.

Hope deferred makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

He who fights and runs away is rather to be chosen than great riches.

# THE TEACHER'S FOE

## A LIFE ALWAYS THREATENED BY NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

### One Who Broke Down Six Years of Overwork Tells How She Escaped Misery of Enforced Idleness.

"I had been teaching in the city schools steadily for six years," said Miss James, whose recent return to the work from which she was driven by nervous collapse has attracted attention. "They were greatly overcrowded, especially in the primary department of which